

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A shutter slat, comprising:

A hollow elongated body portion having a first end and a second end, an upper edge and a lower edge, a first exterior face and a second exterior face, and a hollow interior defined by an upper interior surface, a lower interior surface, a first interior surface, and a second interior surface;

a first ~~boss~~ receptacle and a second ~~boss~~ receptacle, wherein each [boss] receptacle comprises a c-shaped ~~boss~~ receptacle adapted to receive a retention screw, and wherein each ~~boss~~ receptacle projects from one or more of said interior surfaces; and

a retention plate having a first aperture and a second aperture, wherein the retention plate is located a first distance away from the first end of the body portion and secured to the first end by a first screw extending through the first aperture and coupled to the first receptacle and a second screw extending through the second aperture and coupled to the second receptacle;

wherein said upper edge comprises a track having a hook shaped profile and running the length of said slat;

wherein said lower edge comprises a track having a hook shaped profile and running the length of said slat;

wherein said upper edge is adapted to cooperate with said lower edge whereby multiple identical slats may be articulated to form a roller shutter.

2. A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said first [boss] receptacle projects from said upper interior surface.
3. A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said first [boss] receptacle projects generally from the junction of said upper interior surface and said first interior surface or said second interior surface.
4. A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said second [boss] receptacle projects from said lower interior surface.
5. A shutter slat according to claim 1, wherein said second [boss] receptacle projects generally from the junction of said lower interior surface and said first interior surface or said second interior surface.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) A rolling shutter, comprising:

a shutter slat comprising:

an elongated body portion having a first end and a second end;

a channel extending from the first end to the second end;

and a first receptacle and a second receptacle coupled to the body, located in the channel adjacent to the first end, wherein each receptacle has a profile that extends along at least 200 degrees of arc;

a guide comprising a hollow elongated body portion having a first end and a second end, wherein a first channel, a second channel, and a slot extend longitudinally through the hollow elongated body portion, wherein the first channel is in fluid communication with the second channel via the slot; and

a retention plate having a first aperture and a second aperture, wherein the retention plate is located in the first channel;

wherein the first end of the elongated body portion of the shutter slat is located in the second channel, and the retention plate and secured to the first end by a first screw extending through the first aperture, through the slot, and coupled to the first receptacle and a second screw extending through the second aperture, through the slot, and coupled to the second receptacle.